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SUBJECT: COUNTER-INSURGENCY TRAINING COURSE FOR SINGAPORE

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1. QUESTION OF COST OF PROPOSED COUNTER-INSURGENCY TRAINING COURSE IS UNDER URGENT HIGH LEVEL STUDY. FAR FROM CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT WAY CAN BE FOUND TO REDUCE IT SUBSTANTIALLY. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

2. IF PRIME MINISTER LEE RAISES MATTER DURING YOUR JAN. 28 MEETING SUGGEST YOU RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS TRIED HARD TO COME UP WITH COURSE TO MEET THE HIGH STANDARDS REQUIRED BY SINGAPORE. WE TRIED TO TAILOR OUR BEST EFFORTS TO SINGAPORE'S SPECIFIC NEEDS. (FYI ARMY HAS ALREADY GONE TO CONSIDERABLE EXPENSES WHICH CAN NOT BE RECOVERED IF SINGAPORE REFUSES COURSE. END FYI.) METHOD OF CALCULATING COSTS OF TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

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OTHER GOVERNMENTS IS SPECIFIED BY LAW AS WELL AS BY PRO-

CEDURES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MODIFIED ON WORLD-WIDE
BASIS BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION; THESE MODIFICATIONS, WHICH
TOOK PLACE AFTER OUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SINGAPORE
OVER PROPOSED COURSE, ADDED TO THE COST OF THE CAREFULLY
DESIGNED PROGRAM. WE ARE URGENTLY REVIEWING SITUATION AT

HIGH LEVEL TO SEE WHAT IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE TO LOWER
COSTS CONSISTENT WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. KISSINGER

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